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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract, on page 9, with the following amended Abstract:

An axle assembly includes a shaft supported for rotation within an axle housing. The housing is mountable to a trailing arm pivotal relative to ~~the housing a~~ vehicle. The axle shaft includes a hub mounted on a first end for mounting of a wheel. A rotor is mounted to a second ~~end~~ portion of the axle. The second ~~end-portion~~ of the axle shaft and rotor is mounted at a position inboard of any portion of the wheel rim. Mounting of the rotor outside any portion of the wheel rim allows the rotor, caliper, and actuator to be configured without constraints on size and cooling concerns inherent with brake assemblies positioned within the circumference of the wheel rim.